AUTHORIZED BY HIS EMPLOYER TO VIOLATE ANY [[PROVISIONS]] PROVISION OF SECTION 534J, IN WHICH CASE THE EMPLOYER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SANCTIONS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

[[NOTHWITHSTANDING ANY AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY A MERCHANT MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO OPEN HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS ON SUNDAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.]]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters Montgomery County at the general election to be held in November of 1976. The County Council and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Montgomery County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum here required. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this election the title of this Act and underneath the title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words: "For Business on Sundays" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Business on Sundays" so that each voter of the county may designate his or her decision for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in the election are "For Business on Sundays" the provisions of this Act shall become effective on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against Business Sundays" the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this act shall take effect on July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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(House Bill 1421)